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SUBJ: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PHILIPPINES FOR
PULANGUI IRRIGATION PROJECT

1. ADB PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(TA) GRANT OF \$49,000 TO PHILIPPINES TO FINANCE FOREX
COST OF FURTHER PREPARING PULANGUI IRRIGATION PROJECT
UP TO FEASIBILITY LEVEL AND FORMULATING VIABLE PROJECT
SUITABLE FOR BANK CONSIDERATION. ADB DOC R69-74
PROVIDING DETAILS OF TA BEING POUCHED.

2. PROJECT IS LOCATED IN UPPER PORTION OF COTABATO
RIVER BASIN IN BUKIDNON PROVINCE IN NORTH CENTRAL
MINDANAO. PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF DIVERSION
DAM, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO IRRIGATE ABOUT 15,800
HECTARES OF CULTIVATED LAND. DRAINAGE FACILITIES,
ACCESS ROADS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURES WILL ALSO BE
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PROVIDED. PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE INTEGRATED AGRI-

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INVOLVING PILOT FARMS, EXTENSION SERVICES, FARM MECHANIZATION AND MILLING AND WAREHOUSING, IF JUSTIFIED. ALSO, INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE MADE REGARDING LAND TENURE, PROVISION OF INCREASED CREDIT AND OTHER INPUTS, AND MARKETING THROUGH COOPERATIVES AND RURAL BANKS IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE BENEFITS FROM PROJECT.

3. GOVT ESTIMATES PROJECT WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED RICE PRODUCTION FROM 23,000 TONS TO 63,000 TONS AND CORN PRODUCTION FROM 5400 TO 13,000 TONS. BANK CONSIDERS THAT STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY GOVT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR BANK'S APPRAISAL OF PROJECT.

4. UNDER PARA 7.2 OF BANK'S GUIDELINES FOR TA OPERATIONS, PRESIDENT CAN APPROVE TA GRANTS UP TO \$50,000 WITHOUT SEEKING PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL.
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